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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

For example, in the state sate where the sound image created by the output audio signals is localized at the front side by the manipulation of the fader control button by the user, when the external audio signal is supplied to the front speakers from the external device, the volume level of the main audio signal output from the front speakers is automatically attenuated to the minimum level by the control of the microcomputer or the like. At this time, the volume level of the rear speakers, which has been attenuated by the specified amount, is set to the volume level of the main volume controller.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with the acoustic apparatus thus configured, one or more front and rear speakers are provided in a space such as a car compartment. The volume levels of the audio signals output from the speakers are controlled by the volume control unit. Also, the balance ~~valanee~~ between the volume levels of the audio signals from the front speaker and the rear speaker is controlled by the balance control unit. The balance control unit generally controls the balance according to the input by a user. To the front speaker or the rear speaker, an external audio signal can be supplied. When the external audio signal is supplied to one of the front speaker and the second speaker which has not been attenuated by the balance control device and the balance control device attenuates the volume level of said one of the front speaker and the second speaker, the volume level of the audio signal is attenuated. Therefore, the external audio signal become easy for the user to hear.

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**IN THE TITLE:**

Please change the title of the application to ACOUSTIC APPARATUS HAVING  
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